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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that on 30 July 1993 Radio Tehran alleged that Iraqi aircraft had twice violated Iranian airspace during the month of June. The Government of the Republic of Iraq categorically denies these Iranian allegations, and it affirms that no Iraqi aircraft has made any penetration of Iranian airspace and that Iraq has adhered to the cease-fire agreement pursuant to Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

I should like in this connection to refer to the many letters I have addressed to you concerning Iranian violations, all of which confirm the falsity of these Iranian allegations. Iranian aircraft have violated Iraqi airspace on many occasions, and it is enough for me to refer to the most serious such incidents, namely the air raid carried out by eight Iranian aircraft on the Khalis area on 5 April 1992 (S/23785), the air raid launched by six Iranian aircraft on an Iraqi civilian hospital in the Raniyah area on 13 March 1993 (S/25473), and the air raid carried out recently by six Iranian aircraft on the Khalis and Jalula' areas on 25 May 1993 (S/25864).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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